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Hei Alle Sammen

(Hello everyone.) My name is Tom Marple and I was newly installed as president of Sverdrup Lodge at the end of the January Social. My wife Shelly and I live in Mandan and enjoy multiple activities in our retirement. One of which is being a member of the Sons of Norway. I'm also the lead in the beginner and intermediate language classes. All Lodge members can attend either in person or online via Zoom. Reach out to myself or Jerry Saude on how to participate.



I would like to thank Ken Lien for his leadership as lodge president over the last two years. He guided us through hosting a District 4 Convention, improving our web site and installing a new roof on the small stabbur at Sons of Norway Park. Very impressive!

I had the privilege of seeing Vern Monger (Sverdrup Counselor) awarded a Quilt of Valor for his service during the Korean War, at the VFW in early January. He was joined by extended family and other lodge members. Congratulations Vern.

Vinterfest kicked off with a Scandinavian themed snow sculpture and trolls in front of the Heritage Center. Hopefully you saw them before warm weather set in. Sverdrup Lodge, spearheaded by Claudia Berg, has been heavily involved in the implementation of Vinterfest by securing an American Scandinavian Grant. Carol Thompson and her daughter Arnikka from Møllargutten Lodge (Maddock) taught Norwegian folk dancing at Northern Plains Dance to an enthusiastic crowd of almost 40 participants of all ages. Sadly the weather has not been cooperative and some activities have been canceled/postponed due to lack of snow. Check vinterfest.org for updates.

Family bowling for lodge members at Midway Lanes will be on March 23rd at 3:00 pm. See details in this and the March newsletter.

On Saturday, February 22nd from 10:00 am to noon, the Lodge will host a Strategy Meeting in the basement of First Lutheran Church, Bismarck. It is open to all members. This is an opportunity for us as members to have a say in the direction and future of Sverdrup Lodge. If you have ideas for Lodge activities reach out to a Lodge officer or attend.

Lastly, tusen takk to Audrey Solheim for all her hard work in putting together an informative, monthly newsletter for Sverdrup Lodge members!

Hilsen

Tom Marple

Kalendar February

- 21 Social: Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Program: The Viking Age by Steve Schilling
Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli almonidine, garlic toast, salad, dessert
- 22 Strategy Meeting at 10 a.m. - noon,
1st Lutheran, pizza for lunch
- 27 Business Meeting 7 p.m. First Lutheran Church

March

- 21 Social Bismarck Eagles 6:15 p.m.
Program: Northern Lights Chorus
Menu: cod, rice, peas with pearl onions, salad, dessert
- 23 Family Bowling at Midway Lanes
3 p.m.
- 27 Business Meeting - First Lutheran,
7 p.m.

If you have food allergies or will have a child with you needing a child's meal, let Nanc know when you make your reservation.

For reservations, unless you are on the "regular" list, contact Nanc at 258-4703 or skaret@bis.midco.net

***This is now being strictly enforced
by the Eagles.***

***Make your reservations no later than the
SUNDAY prior to the social.***





February Bursdager

Keara E Telshaw	1
Valerie J Otto	4
Sandy Mundahl	5
Jenell K Loftesnes	8
Helen R Tollerud	11
Eugene D Weekes	11
Evelyn E Hildebrand	12
Michael Liudahl	12
Esther M Anderson	14
Thomas J Dahle	14
James Keith Soiseth	14
Shirley E Svanes	14
Delores Soiseth	16
Diane Gronfur	17
Robert L Turner	17
Audrey H Solheim	18
Karen I Halldorson	20
Kevin Tengesdal	21
Ivadell J Larson	22
Jessica M Rossow	22
James R Lang	23
Howard Blackstead	24
Audrey Gehringer	24
Laken G Porter	24
Tracy M Leetun	27

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Vinterfest

The Vinterfest kickoff event was held January 19th. The 10-foot-tall snow globe snow sculpture was a center piece for the event.

The snow globe was carved by the national award-winning Team North Dakota Snow Sculpting from Fargo. The American Scandinavian Foundation grant funded this project.

Scheduled for January 2024, the snow sculpture was postponed because of a lack of snow. This year, with the help of two truckloads of snow, the sculpture was created.



Good friends, on a chilly evening, pose for a photo in their Norwegian sweaters, l to r, Vern Monger, Bonnie and Bob Johnson.

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Current Membership 262 youth and adults



Norwegian Sweaters



Ivadell Larson, right, with husband Orlin, brought two Norwegian sweaters to give away at the Jan. social. Nanc Skaret was very happy to add the red sweater to her wardrobe.



Crown Wreaths

Sverdrup members Erllys Fardal (l) and Val Otto pose with their crown wreaths they made at the Vinterfest kickoff event at the ND Heritage Center. The snow sculpture is in the background.



Jessica Aull, far right, assisted the public in making their own crown wreaths. Helping with the floral crowns were members Dan Sauerwein and Susan Hammer Schneider. Laura Forde, far left, is Education and Engagement Manager at the State Historical Society.

The Historical Society, Northern Plains Heritage Area, Bismarck State College and Sverdrup Lodge partnered to make this event possible.

2025 Sverdrup Officers Installation

Back row: Ken Lien, Jerry Saude, Dave Kolding, Vern, Monger, Claudia Berg, Tom Marple, Dan Sauerwein, Steve Schilling, Steve Olson,
Front row: Nanc Skaret, Carol Christianson, Audrey Solheim, Stephanie Olson



On Saturday, January 25th, Sverdrup Lodge sponsored, and Northern Plains Dance hosted Carol Thompson, Maddock lodge, and her daughter Arnikka Schreier, Minot, as the folk-dance instructors. An enthusiastic group of lodge members, ballerinas from the studio, families with children and a variety of adults learned four Norwegian folk dances.



Vinterfest Folk Dance Workshop

Vinterfest continues through February 16th. Visit **Vinterfest.org** for more events.



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